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Title : SPOOL HAVING REVERSING SPIRAL GUIDE

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**RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 22, 2005. This response is being filed within the second month after the shortened statutory period set by the Office Action. A Request for an extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response. This extension resets the response deadline to April 24, 2006. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement also accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

A check is provided herewith that includes the \$200 fee for the addition of one independent claim (over that previously paid for). Please charge any additional fee associated with this response, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account 50-2719.

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